II. Expansion

SI. No. Item	U/R	Year2004-05
1. Expansion of Land Line (L/L) Switches	Urban	21,248
	Rural	20,010

III. Upgradation

SI. No. Item	Year2004-05
1. SBM to RSU Conversion (Nos)	202
2. C256 Conversion to AN-RAX (Broads)	838

SBM: Single Base Module
RSU: Remote Subscriber Unit
AN-RAX: Access Node Rural Automatic Exchange

Submission of passport application through district collectors

†2561. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the system to make application through District Collectors of the States for getting passport,was introduced in the country;

(b) the details of persons who submitted their applications for passport to the District Collectors during the years between 2002-03 and 2004-05 under the system year-wise and state-wise; and

(c) the number of persons to whom passports were provided in each of the States during above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Submission of passport applicaiton through District Passport Cells (DPCs) was introduced in the country in January 2002.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The State-wise details regarding number of applications received through district Passport Cells for issue of Passports during the years 2003 and 2004 are given at Statement.

Statement

Number of applications received through District Passport Cells for issue of passports during the years 2003 and 2004

Number of Applications

SI. Nc	. State/UT	2003	2004
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	NA	NA
2.	Andhra Pradesh	11344	21368
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	414	0
4.	Assam	0	4
5.	Bihar	211	698
6.	Chandigarh	0	11
7.	Chhattisgarh	1050	1250
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	242
9.	Daman & Diu	0	1440
10.	Delhi	2482	18157
11.	Goa	NA	NA
12.	Gujarat	54850	84745
13.	Haryana	30858	30289
14.	Himachal Pradesh	3139	2447
15.	Jammu& Kashmir	4691	4167
16.	Jharkhand	87	140
17.	Karnataka	62	2172
18.	Kerala	11570	58513
19.	Lakshadweep	17	4
20.	Madhya Pradesh	5194	7847

SI. No.	State/UT	2003	2004
21.	Maharashtra	19665	32788
22.	Manipur	NA	NA
23.	Meghalaya	0	89
24.	Mizoram	1305	0
25.	Nagaland	NA	NA
26.	Orissa	153	274
27.	Pondicherry	NA	NA
28.	Punjab	55025	56763
29.	Rajasthan	NA	NA
30.	Sikkim	0	1470
31.	Tamil Nadu	103440	19019
32.	Tripura	1902	671
33.	Uttar Pradesh	10355	13139
34.	Uttaranchal	NA	NA
35.	West Bengal	NA	2499
	TOTAL	317814	460206

Personal attendance for submission of passport application

2562. SHRIC. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made personal attendance mandatory for presentation of application for passports and collection thereof;

(b) if so, the details of the revised arrangement and the reason therefor;

(c) whether keeping in view difficulties of the people, Government would consider entrusting the job to the licensed agents; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The Government has not made